

# Hongkong Telegraph

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SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL .....\$2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP .....251,993.15.0

**BANKERS:**  
CAPITAL & COUNTRY BANK, LIMITED.

**HEAD OFFICE:**  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

**BRANCHES:**  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

**AGENCIES:**  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF INTEREST.**  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.  
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [187]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL .....\$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED .....1,185,000

**BANKERS:**  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months .....5 per cent.  
" 6 " .....4 " "  
" 3 " .....3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital .....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital .....1,000,000

**HEAD OFFICE:**—HONGKONG.

**Court of Directors:**—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kih Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stohrer, Esq.

**Chief Manager:**  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

**Branches:**—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

**BANKERS:**—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.  
Farrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [18]

## Insurances.

THE  
STANDARD  
ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.  
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.  
(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.  
(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application, DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [174]

**NOTICE.**  
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

**HEAD OFFICE:**  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

**GENERAL NOTICE.**  
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000 .....\$333,333.33  
EQUAL TO .....\$318,000.00  
RESERVE FUND .....\$318,000.00

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**  
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

**MANAGER:**—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

**HEAD OFFICE:** 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET, Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [174]

## Amusements.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE COMIC OPERA

"PRINCESS TOTO,"

BY GILBERT AND CLAY.

On the following dates:—  
TO-MORROW  
December 30th, 1893.

January 3rd, 6th, 9th and 13th, 1894.

Curtain to rise at 9 P.M. precisely each night.

Pieces, \$3, \$2, \$1.

Seats for any or all Performances can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after TUESDAY, the 29th December, from 10 A.M.

Books of the Words of the Songs, price 15 cents, at the Booking Office.

A late Train will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the Curtain, each night.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1893. [136]

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COTTAGE PIANOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY) the 30th December, 1893, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, (For Sundry Accounts.)

A QUANTITY OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Consisting of—  
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE IN SILK TAPESTRY AND PLUSH, MARINBURK UPHOLSTERED DRAWING-ROOM CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP & FANCY TABLES, OVERMANTLES, CHIFFONIER, FRIDGES & IRONS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, CURTAINS, RUGS, CARPETS, &c.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO OF W. ROBINSON & Co. in good condition.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO BY ERARD in good condition.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE & CHAIRS, SIDEBOARDS WITH MIRROR BACK, DINER WAGGONS, DINNER AND DESERT SERVICES, ELECTRO PLATED & GLASS WARE, &c., &c.

SINGLE AND DOUBLE IRON BED-STEADS, &c., &c.

SINGLE AND DOUBLE WARDROBES, PLAIN AND WITH GLASS DOORS; MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS AND SETS, DRESSING TABLES, BED-ROOM SUITE, BATH-ROOM REQUISITES, &c., &c.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale, On View from Friday, the 29th instant.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 27th December 1893. [1406]

## Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY next, the 1st January, 1894:—  
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
J. ARMSTRONG,  
for Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the COMPTON NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,  
L. GLENAT,  
Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1893. [1410]

**CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION,**  
No. 51.

NOTICE is hereby given that MONDAY next, the 1st January, 1894, will be observed as HOLIDAY at the Kowloon Customs Office.

Work at the Optics Examination Hall and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

H. E. HOBSON,  
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon & District.

**NOTICE.**  
A YOUNG MAN is desirous of obtaining a SITUATION in a Commercial House as CORRESPONDENT or ACCOUNTANT; GERMAN, FRENCH and ENGLISH spoken.

Address  
A. ERNST,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1407]

**NOTICE.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the  
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART  
MAATSCHAPPIJ,  
are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented in the Undersigned for consignment.

L. A. WEGENER & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [1349]

## Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST RECEIVED,  
FRESH SUPPLIES

OF  
CAPSTAN NAVY CUT TOBACCO .....1 lb. & 1 lb. Tins.  
WILLS' TRAVELLER BRAND TOBACCO .....1 lb. Tins.  
PIONEER BRAND TOBACCO .....1 lb. Tins.  
PAGODA BRAND TOBACCO .....1 lb. Tins.  
OTTO DE ROSE CIGARETTES .....Boxes of 100.  
SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES .....Boxes of 500.  
KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES .....Boxes of 500.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1893.

CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.

ARE now showing a very Fine Selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS; CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES, CALLARD and BOWSER'S BUTTER-SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large Selection of PHOTO FRAMES.

**CANADIAN PRODUCE:**  
MCLAREN'S GLASS JAR CHEESE.  
SALTED SALMON .....20 cents per lb.  
SALMON BELLIES .....15 cts. per lb.  
SALMON STEAKS (1 lb. tins) .....40 cents per tin.  
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [152]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST OPENED

A FINE Collection of New Fancy Goods in PLUSH, HAND-PAINTED SILK, RUSSIA and other fine Leather Goods.

Handsome Boxed American Christmas Cards. Autograph Christmas Cards very pretty & cheap.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

Great variety of Children's Books for Christmas. All the Annual Volumes for Boys and Girls.

Handsome bound Books for presents. New Framed Pictures.

STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.

DANCING PUMPS, LADIES SHOES. TENNIS BATS, SHOES, BALLS.

New French Novels. Christmas Nov. of Graphic Illustrated, "PEARS," "BLACK and WHITE," "QUEEN."

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [659]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW TOBACCOS.

SMITH'S Bright Cut Navy.  
do. Flaked Gold Leaf.  
do. Glasgow Mixture.  
do. Calumet Mixture.  
WILLS' "Captain" Navy Cut.  
do. Black Eye.  
do. Westward Ho! Mixture.  
do. Golden Flake.  
do. "Traveller" Golden Flake.

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE  
CIGARS.

PIPES AND TOBACCONISTS' SUNDRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893.

W. POWELL & CO.

TREMENDOUS SHOW OF  
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A LADY.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A GENTLEMAN.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A CHILD.

IMMENSE VARIETY.

ALL NEW GOODS.

W. POWELL & CO.

THE  
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A, B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 12.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Office.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cutlery being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open onto spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing-Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WAITERS are constantly on duty.

R. TUCKER,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1893.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION  
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & Co., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong, 11th December, 1893.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that Nominations for the HONGKONG DERBY, to be run on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1894, CLOSE TO-MORROW, the 30th instant.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1893. [1414]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE.**

TENDERS will be received at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, until NOON TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, for the RENTING for a term of Years of all the ADVERTISING SPACE at the Company's Stations (except that reserved for the Company's own use), subject to the said Space being used for Advertisements only which are in good taste and have received the approval of the General Managers. No Advertisements will be allowed along the line of rail.

The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

The previous notice is hereby withdrawn.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1893. [1372]

**NOTICE.**

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL ACCOUNTS against the above Company should be made up TO DATE and sent in to the Undersigned TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at NOON.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Governing Directors.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1893. [1412]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE.**

THE BUFFET and the LADIES' WAITING ROOMS adjoining, will be OPEN to the PUBLIC in a few days.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [1360]

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 1, DUNDRELL STREET, at NOON, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of January, 1894, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the Resolutions following, namely:—

1.—That the Liquidator be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to Sell and Transfer the whole of this Company's business and property to a new Company, to be incorporated with limited liability under the Companies' Ordinance 1865 to 1891, and to be named the NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, with a Capital of \$150,000, divided into 50,000 Shares of \$3 each, with the usual power to increase and reduce the same.

2.—That the Draft Contract for Sale submitted to this Meeting, and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator of the one part, and the NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the other part, be, and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be, and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 149 of the Companies' Ordinance, 1865, to enter into a Contract for the Sale and Transfer of this Company's business and property to the said New Company (when incorporated) for the considerations and upon the terms set forth in the said Draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he may think expedient.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

CARL GEORG,  
Liquidator.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1394]

STEAM-LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE Property of this COMPANY, consisting of the STEAM-LAUNCHES:—  
"PERSEVERANCE,"  
"PRUDENCE,"  
"PROSPERITY,"  
"PUNCTUALITY,"  
"BONNIE,"

Is for SALE, and TENDERS are invited for the whole as a going concern, or for any part thereof.

PARTICULARS and SPECIFICATIONS will be supplied upon application.

ALL TENDERS, which have been forwarded to the UNDERSIGNED, will be opened on WEDNESDAY, January 3rd, 1894.

The LIQUIDATOR does not bind himself to accept the HIGHEST or ANY TENDER.

J. W. NOBLE,  
Liquidator.  
No. 2, Pedder's Street,  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1393]

**PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.**

I HAVE this day Resumed my Hongkong DENTAL PRACTICE.

DENTON E. PETERSON, D.D.S.,  
6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1408]

**THE PHARMACY,**  
25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address:—The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.

Mr. FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries, and Patent Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co.,  
Hongkong, 27th September, 1893. [1404]

## Masonic.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, convened for FRIDAY the 29th instant, has been POSTPONED TO-MORROW, the 30th idem, at 5 for 5.30 P.M.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
D.G. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1293]

## Shipping.

STEAMERS.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"  
Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 31st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1403]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"  
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 31st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1893. [1413]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at MACAO, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"  
Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has large Cooling Chambers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1404]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LENNOX,"  
Captain Ward, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 4th proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [1232]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"  
Captain Jackson, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.



## Intimations.

## DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp; COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.  
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times.

CHOCOLATE CREMES.  
PATES D'APRICOT.  
CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.  
FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 1 Dollar to 25 Cents.  
SUGARED ALMONDS.  
BURNT ALMONDS.  
MIXED SWEETS.  
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.  
In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.  
CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.  
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. 1304

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS  
OF  
CONFECTIONERY  
AND  
CHRISTMAS GOODS.JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER  
SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,  
DRAGEES, P. ALINES,  
and a large selection  
of  
PURE CONFECTIONERY  
from the leading Manufacturers.CADBURY'S SPECIAL  
CHOCOLATE CREMES.PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,  
and other  
FRUIT JELLIES  
in great variety.TOM SMITH'S  
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.COLOURED OPALS  
MOUNTED IN FLUISH,  
representing favourite subjects.A Large Assortment of  
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS  
CARDS,  
of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all  
tastes and at moderate prices.A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,  
The Hongkong Dispensary.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.  
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. 15

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY,  
1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONG-  
KONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY  
DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS  
AND A HALF PER MONTH.ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN  
ADVANCE.MARRIAGE.  
On the 28th December, at St. John's Cathed-  
ral, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. F. Cobbold,  
DAVID JACKSON, Manager of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, Yokohama,  
youngest son of the late David Jackson, of  
Ulster, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh, Ireland, to  
MARQUETTE LOUISE, daughter of the late  
Robert Wright, of Ballinade, Co. Monaghan,  
Ireland.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1893.

GOVERNOR ROBINSON'S  
VICTORY.From time to time during the past ten  
years efforts, for the most part spasmodic  
and ill-judged, have been made by the  
local Government authorities to effectively  
secure the closing of the Kowloon  
gambling houses which have for so long  
been doing a thriving business at this  
Colony's expense and to the utter ruination  
of scores of once honest and respectable  
citizens. The various Viceroys' rulings  
at Canton have upon occasion beenapproached, but no greater success ever  
attended the diplomatic efforts of our  
battant Bismarcks than when during  
the absence of Governor Dns Vaux on sick  
leave, his *locum tenens* got the shutters put  
up for a couple of days! It would  
seem, however, to have been ordained  
by Fate that the meritorious task of finally  
securing their extinction should be  
reserved for Governor Robinson, and upon  
the success which has attended his efforts.  
In that direction the community as a whole  
will heartily congratulate him. And in a  
modest way the *Hongkong Telegraph* may  
claim that it has been a factor in the  
movement which has ultimately been  
rewarded with success. In an article  
published in August last, dealing with  
what we regarded as Hongkong's curse,  
appeared the following:Launches its quietly off the Praya West, near  
the Steamboat Company's wharf, and are  
signalled as required. The man in charge does  
not stop to stipulate for any fee; the passenger  
steps on board, and crosses to Sam-ai-poo or  
Kowloon, just as he pleases.There are members of the Legislative Council  
who are thoroughly acquainted with these facts,  
and so is every member of the Police Force, from  
the Captain Superintendent down to the latest  
recruit, yet no effort seems ever to be made to  
stem the flood of ill-affected launches which  
invariably under the cover of night—stealthily  
cross the water to hazard money which in other  
cases out of ten is not 1-worthily their own.  
Perhaps the simplest and most effective means  
of checking this evil would be a stricter system  
of licensing steam-launches for night traffic, and  
of making Pedder's Wharf the recognised starting  
and landing place for all and every craft plying  
the waters of the harbour after certain hours.  
There is always a policeman on duty there, and  
to our knowledge many of the regular *habitués*  
of these launches would not dare be seen leaving  
for either of the points mentioned. Much may be  
done by the authorities towards "staving out"  
these gambling houses, for without the support  
that they receive from Hongkong they would not  
survive a month; but the more effective course  
of action would be for his Excellency, Sir  
William Robinson, to delicately but firmly in-  
timidate to the Canton authorities the advisability  
of taking such measures as will lead to the final  
and permanent closing of these objectionable  
and crime-breeding establishments. And if his  
Excellency can secure their permanent extinction  
he will not have come to Hongkong without  
having effected at least one tangible reform, and  
his success in this would constitute a more last-  
ing monument to his memory than any other he  
is likely to leave behind him here.In his address to the Legislative Council  
on the 4th inst. when dealing with the  
question of crime in the Colony, his  
Excellency said:—On the other hand I regret to say that during  
the last few months there has been an unusual  
number of large sums of money and valuable  
by servants from their masters' houses. This I  
attribute to a great measure to losses sustained  
by servants in the gambling houses at Sam-ai-poo  
and Kowloon City. I have addressed the Viceroy  
of Canton several times on the subject without  
much effect, and am at this moment in corre-  
spondence with H. M. Minister at Peking in  
regard to it. If the Chinese Government refuse  
to act, this Government will be bound to consider  
whether some restriction should not be placed  
on the owners of launches, which are known to  
carry hundreds of gamblers daily between  
this city and the opposite coast. I should hope  
that the community in general would thoroughly  
support the Government if such a step should be  
decided upon.From the foregoing it is clear that the  
subject and the dangers of its bearings to  
the community of Hongkong was no  
sooner brought to his notice than he  
entered into it with interest and vigour,  
with the result that, in accordance with  
instructions received from the Taung-ill  
Yamen, the Kowloon mandarin sealed up  
the doors of those gilded establishments at  
twelve o'clock last night. The authorities,  
however, cannot afford to be satisfied with the assurance that the danger  
has been altogether eradicated simply  
because imperative orders for its repression  
have been received from Peking; for, as  
on a previous occasion, bribery will  
undoubtedly be resorted to, and unless a  
careful watch is kept on the doings of the  
gentry there, they may, through dexterous  
and liberal applications of the golden key,  
succeed in opening the doors again. The  
past is so pregnant with object-lessons of  
misery and crime for which those  
foul dens were responsible, that we can  
not afford to forget it.

## SNOBBERY.

As a general rule, a club is a private  
concern, and its affairs are not open to be  
discussed publicly; but there are many  
exceptions. The Victoria Recreation  
Club is distinctly more public than private;  
more than once the Government has been  
urged to consider the institution in this  
light, and to grant favours or privileges to  
it in the interests of the general community  
of Hongkong. At one meeting of the  
Club, the Chairman (Mr. Stewart  
Lockhart) went so far as to claim for it  
direct recognition as deserving special  
assistance from the Government, for the  
sake of the physical development of the  
rising generation—not of a number  
of individuals merely, but of practically  
the whole colony. These claims, however,  
could only be considered on condition that  
the Club itself should be open to at least  
an examination of its genuineness as a  
public body; and within the last few days  
some of the members have taken a step  
which constitutes a definite repudiation of  
all such pretensions. Possibly the majority  
of members would not endorse such action  
—we sincerely hope, and we have enough  
confidence in them to believe, that they  
would not; but they have allowed the  
thing to be done, and it is now too late to  
make amends.  
Ever since the Victoria Recreation Club  
was founded, there has been a sort ofalliance between it and the garrison;  
whenever an assault-at-arms or other show  
was organised, the Club received valuable  
and ready assistance from whatever  
regiment was stationed here, as well as  
from the permanent staff; and a number  
of the leading athletes and gymnasts from  
the barracks have always been intimately  
associated with the V. R. C.—always  
welcome, and more familiar to the body  
of members than, for instance, even the  
Honorary Secretary himself; while there  
can be no doubt as to the advantage the  
Club has gained by their help. But these  
soldiers were not members; they were  
only admitted as visitors. Lately, however,  
two or three were proposed for election;  
they were challenged, under the rules,  
and a ballot was held, with the result that  
when the ballot meeting took place they  
were black-balled by about fifteen out of  
forty members present, mostly bank clerks  
and Portuguese.It is no affair of ours, *prima facie*, nor  
does it greatly concern the general public,  
if these noblemen refuse to admit THOMAS  
ATKINS among them. (Incidentally it may  
be remarked that the soldiers in question  
were warrant officers—i.e. men who had  
by many years of solid hard work and  
careful study raised themselves to positions  
of honour and responsibility.) But it is  
our business, on behalf of the ratepayers,  
to point out to the Government what this  
means—that the Victoria Recreation Club  
has hereby renounced all claim to public  
consideration; that the hints thrown out by  
Mr. STEWART LOCKHART as to Government  
assistance for the welfare of the whole  
community are not supported; that the  
application for a free grant of land for a  
new gymnasium and club house (still under  
consideration, we believe) need be no  
longer entertained. As a matter of fact,  
it is already asserted that Colonel JERRARD  
has taken up the cause of his men, which  
is perfectly just; and seeing that the pre-  
sent site of the V.R.C. premises, as well  
as all possible new sites, are under the  
control of the War Office, the Club may  
have reason to regret its snobbish exclu-  
siveness. That, however, is its own affair,  
but in view of the application which has  
been made to the Government, we most  
strongly protest against any of the money  
or land of the Colony being given to a  
close corporation which has refused to  
benefit the general community.

## TELEGRAMS.

MORE C.M.G.-SHIPS IN THE AIR.  
LONDON, December 29th.  
The Premiers of the various Australian  
Colonies have decided to send a joint invitation  
to the Duke and Duchess of York to visit the  
Colonies in 1894.BAD NEWS FROM MASHONALAND.  
December 28th.  
It is feared that Captain Wilton and his party  
have been killed by Matabeles.MORE FIGHTING IN BRAZIL.  
The bombardment of Rio de Janeiro has been  
vigorously renewed. Several of the inhabitants  
have been killed in the streets.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE London Hospital says that tea-tipping is  
producing in Britain results not less serious than  
alcoholic drinks.THE telegraph cable between Gotó Island and  
the mainland of Japan was successfully opened  
on Saturday, the 16th inst.THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail  
steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki  
at 6.30 a.m. to-day and left again at 1 p.m. for  
this port, via Shanghai.THE *Japan Advertiser* states that the contract for  
extending the Mito Bishi Co.'s docks at Nagasaki  
to 6,300 yds. has been awarded to the Mito Bishi  
Co. for the work to cost 50,000 yns.A JAPANESE newspaper, the *Hokuriku Nippo* of  
Toyama, has ceased to appear, for the al-  
l-sufficient reasons that its editor is in prison and  
the publisher "under the weather."LOCAL "sports" are reminded that nominations  
for the Hongkong Derby of 1894 close to the  
Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club not  
later than to-morrow, the 30th inst.A SYDNEY contemporary says that the Chinese  
are still trading payas to the New South  
Wales port tax by surreptitiously crossing into the  
colony at secluded spots on the Murray River.THE Douglas Company's well-known sailing  
steamer *John*, returning to her home this morn-  
ing, after having been through her annual over-  
haul at the hands of the Hongkong and  
Whampoa Dock Co.MEAN for shipping people, the *Amur de*  
*Tonkin* says, the *Paradise* have gone so wild  
over the Russian fleet that they now refer to a  
railway guard as the "pilot"—presumably the  
driver is "captain" and the guard is "chief  
engineer."FOUR coasting steamers, the *Li-shing*,  
*Ching-ping*, *Yik-ang*, and *Tien-ang*, arrived here  
from Canton this morning, which would seem to  
indicate that the trade between the City of Rams  
and the other China ports is still steadily on the  
increase.SIR GEORGE GRAY, who was lately attached to  
the New Zealand Parliament, has been elected  
to the office of the pettiest vote, is reported to be  
in favour of superseding the Legislative Council  
of that colony by an Upper House composed  
entirely of ladies."PRINCESS TOTO" was again on show last night,  
before a crowded house—in fact, as Mr. Kewick  
said, at the City Hall shareholders' meeting,  
"Incomparably overcrowded." There was still  
a great deal of woodiness about the acting, as  
we noted yesterday, especially in the first act,  
and the most telling parts, though. However,  
Kewick will tell you all that you want to know,  
so don't.MR. JOHN ANDERSON has been appointed  
Consul for Siam at Singapore, and assumed  
charge there on the 16th inst.THE Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Chiydra*, well  
known on the Hongkong-Calcutta route, left  
here this morning for Meiji and will doubtless  
resume her old run on returning from Japan.  
The *Chiydra* has undergone a thorough over-  
haul at the Kowloon Dock.A CRIMINAL KLEPTOMANIAC, it is said, seldom  
steals money. His diseased mind is attracted  
principally by bright colours and he almost  
invariably annexes the brightest red, or yellow  
object in his vicinity. He would sooner go off  
with a glaring crimson rag, or a politician's  
tinted nose, than a £5-note.At Lawrence (Mass) the other day, George  
Dixon, during one of his staring exhibitions,  
knocked out Patrick J. Hennessy, a local light-  
weight, in one round, the latter having been  
publicly offered \$50 if he would stand before the  
colored champion four rounds. Both men were  
arrested and Dixon was fined \$100 and Hennessy  
\$20. They appealed.THE S'igon Race-Club has for some time been  
waiting a new Grand Stand, the present one  
being twelve years old and hopelessly decrepit;  
but funds were not readily forthcoming, and the  
Governor-General has authorised the issue of a  
lottery of 10,000 tickets at a dollar each; \$7,500  
will go in prizes, \$500 in expenses, \$2,000 to  
brood gamblers, and \$5,500 to the new stand  
and other works.A CRICKET match will be played to-morrow  
afternoon at the Happy Valley between an XI  
captained by Mr. S. A. W. Ramjahn and the  
Kowloon Engineers. Play to commence at 2  
o'clock sharp. The following is Mr. Ramjahn's  
team—S. A. W. Ramjahn, C. A. Woodcock, R.  
F. Laumert, J. W. Jones, S. A. Rahman, F.  
Kew, L. A. Rose, J. Machado, P. Hyndman, Leo  
Almeida e Castro and J. Carvalho.At the pony auction held at Mr. Kennedy's  
Causeway Bay stables yesterday afternoon,  
Thunderbolt was the only animal that changed  
hands, he finding a new owner in Mr. J. D.  
Humphreys. Red Queen, a bonny little  
Mongolian mare that would make a showy  
but quiet and serviceable lady's hack, was  
bought in, as also was the speedy but hard-  
pulling Khedive.D'Arcy's famous Marionettes will give their first  
entertainment in Hongkong at the specially  
erected Bijou Theatre, West Point, opposite the  
Sailor's Home, this evening, commencing at  
9 o'clock. Our advice from Singapore and  
elsewhere is to effect the taking of one of the  
cleverest and most entertaining shows the Far  
East has yet seen, and in every way worthy of  
hearty public support. We trust their initial  
performance will attract a crowded house.EUCLID, who is sometimes called the father of  
mathematics, taught this subject in the famous  
school at Alexandria. Being asked one day by  
the King of Egypt (Ptolemy Soter) whether he  
could not teach him the science in a shorter way,  
Euclid answered in words that have been  
memorable ever since: "Sire, there is no royal  
road to learning." Not many scraps of con-  
versation have lived, as this reply has, for nearly  
2,200 years.THE "Explanation" forwarded some days since  
by Mr. D. Shearer, Secretary to the local British  
Consulate, to the Hon. Mr. Justice, and which  
was unfortunately mislaid and overlooked, is  
really a matter of no public concern. That  
the members of the Press were excluded from a  
meeting of the Association to which they had  
been formally and customarily invited is not  
denied, and into the cause of that discourtesy it  
is not worth while to enter.LAST night, about half-past ten, a Chinese  
constable saw a native postman sneaking out  
of a European house on Castle Road. Knowing  
that when the Post Office people are not asleep  
they must be doing something wrong, the  
*Lukong* tackled him, and found he had a bunch  
of skeleton keys up his sleeve. In spite of all  
explanations, the G. P. O. genius was convicted by  
the magistrate to-day, and sent to gaol for three  
months as a rogue and vagabond.MRS. SARAH FULLMAN obtained a verdict in the  
Queen's Bench Division the other week against  
the P. and O. Company, and an award of  
£350 for herself and £125 and £50 for her two  
children, as damages for the loss of her husband,  
a coal miner, who was killed by an explosion on  
board the company's ship *Commodore*.  
Slay of execution was granted pending an appeal  
on the company agreeing to pay the widow 40s.  
per week till the appeal was heard."MEMBER, V.R.C."—It is not the *Hongkong*  
*Telegraph's* mission to criticise the private  
doings of the members of any club unless a  
flagrant outrage has been committed or an  
attack made on public interests; but in any  
case, your remarks are so grossly personal and  
gratuitously offensive and insulting that no  
respectable newspaper would give them publicity.  
As, however, this matter does affect public  
interests, in one sense, we have dealt with it in our  
own way.VLADIVOSTOCK, so long almost solely dependent  
upon the Japanese for steam communication  
with neighbouring Far Eastern ports, is going to  
have direct steamers of at least one of the  
steamers of the Dobrovolnoe (Volunteer) Flot-  
tily spring, it having been decided by the  
Directors of that greatly vaunted concern that  
one of their vessels shall be permanently in  
Eastern waters trading between Vladivostok,  
Nagasaki, Yokohama, Shanghai, and other ports  
—probably Korean ports.The *N. C. Daily News* says that according to  
the petition of Si-fang Tsao to Li Hung-chang,  
one tael a bale is to be collected on all the  
yarn produced at the forthcoming new cotton  
mill at Yangtsepo, until the loss of government  
funds invested in the mill lately burnt, amount-  
ing to Tls. 250,000, has been made good; while  
the special loans by the firm, whose invest-  
ments amounted to Tls. 500,000, are to have the  
value of the ruins and debris, and what salvage  
there was, divided *pro rata* among them.In announcing the recent death of Lord Ebury,  
the *L. & C. Express* notes that his second  
son, the Hon. T. G. Grosvenor, was the well-  
known Secretary to the British Legation in  
Peking, who was chief of the Governor Mission  
into Yunnan in 1875-6, to inquire into the  
circumstances attending the murder of Mr.  
Margery, of the British Consular Service in  
China. Mr. Grosvenor married the daughter of  
the Rev. St. Wells Williams, Secretary of the  
United States at Peking, and died in 1885 while  
Secretary to the British Embassy at St. Peters-  
burg. Lord Ebury is succeeded by his eldest  
son, the Hon. Robert Walsley Grosvenor.THE marriage rate of Germany rose to per cent  
in the year following the Franco-Prussian war.  
The same phenomenon was observed after the  
French war, which ended with Waterloo in 1815.In England the blind form .08 per cent. of the  
population, in Scotland .07 per cent., and in  
Ireland .11 per cent. or in England and Wales  
one person in every 1235 is blind, in Scotland  
one in 1439, and in Ireland one in 881.At the Magistrate's to-day, Mr. H. E. Woodhouse  
held an inquiry into the fire at 100, Queen's  
Road West, on the morning of Christmas Day.  
Nothing suspicious was revealed in the evidence,  
and the premises were released from police  
supervision.THE *Ceylon Independent* learns that the Secre-  
tary of State for the Colonies has forwarded a  
circular to the Ceylon Government directing that  
the surcharging of stamps should be stopped, as  
it may tempt Government officials to trade,  
which is against the rules of the service.A TEXAS clergyman about to be appointed chap-  
lain of the Penitentiary preached a farewell ser-  
mon to his congregation that had treated him  
rather badly. According to *Sittings* he selected  
the following text: "I go to prepare a place for  
you, so that where I am ye may be also."THE Post Office will be closed on Monday (New  
Year's Day) and Tuesday the 2nd January, except  
from 8 to 9 a.m. It will also be kept open for  
an hour after the arrival of the English mail  
which is expected on the 2nd prox. Correspondence  
for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted  
up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open,  
but the Money Order Office will be entirely closed  
both days.PRESIDENT Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific,  
says of the railroad outlook—"As for the rail-  
roads, the outlook for the winter is not good, but  
east of the Mississippi river will do a good busi-  
ness. Those west of the Mississippi river will  
be affected by the depression of business in the  
silver States. The Canadian railroads have  
been little affected by the hard times in the  
United States. The Canadian Pacific is doing a  
satisfactory business, with excellent prospects  
for the future."THUS the *Sydney Bulletin*—Though Mr.  
Chamberlain is proud of his resemblance to the  
younger Pitt, a member of the Commons has  
discovered a great likeness between Brummagem  
and Billington, the common hangman. To  
such an extent is this the case, that a Liberal  
Unionist member who was shown Billington's  
photograph substantially pronounced the effigy  
to be that of his revered leader. The *Bulletin*  
isn't surprised. The thing is natural enough.  
Judas Iscariot, it will be remembered, was his  
own hangman.A CUSTOMS official in this city, says a San  
Francisco exchange, has received a letter from  
a Chinese firm in Hongkong which is interesting.  
The writer says that several hundred Chinese  
were brought into the United States to attend  
the Columbian Exposition and that the Hong-  
kong firm received \$280 in Mexican silver to  
guarantee the landing of each of these Chinese.  
The solicitude of the writer is due to the fact that  
his company must pay back the money if the  
"actors" are not permitted to remain in the  
United States. He wants to know whether they  
will remain or be forced to return.THINGS political in Japan give promise of re-  
sounding along in a somewhat top-heavy fashion  
during the ensuing session. A warlike  
paper has the reassuring report that Mr. Ozaki,  
a Progressionist member of Parliament, warned  
by the recent attack by *rashti* upon his friend  
and colleague, Mr. Shimada, member for Yoko-  
hama, has telegraphed to Hakodate for some  
*rashti* who were entrusted with the safeguarding  
of Mr. Shimada during last session, to come to  
him at once to protect him and his friend  
from the assaults of opposition *rashti*.  
I believe in admitting everything free to this  
country that cannot be made here, and in so doing  
a tariff on everything that can be made at  
home—at least to the extent of difference  
in wages. I think the Republican party will  
carry the country in the Congressional elections  
of next year. The great question is the tariff.  
This country believes in protection and needs it.  
Everything like free trade would put out the  
fires in the factories and turn the workmen  
into the street. The working people now see  
the mistake they made last year, and I believe  
they will rectify it as soon as they can.  
Democratic party is controlled by the  
South, and the South has always been the  
free trade—always jealous of the prosperity  
and wealth of the North. The silver  
question is not responsible for the hard times.  
The great trouble is the uncertainty about the  
tariff—the fear of what the Democrats will do.  
During my time this country never had any  
money under a Democratic Administration. I  
believe Mr. Taft will be elected by a large  
majority, all on the tariff issue. Ohio is full of  
manufacturers, and the people are not in favor of  
anything like free trade.COLONEL Robert G. Ingersoll, speaking on  
politics to a reporter the other week, said: "I  
am a Republican because I am a protectionist.  
I believe in admitting everything free to this  
country that cannot be made here, and in so doing  
a tariff on everything that can be made at  
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anything like free trade."THOUGHTS OF TWENTY GREAT MEN.  
To err is human.—*Cicero*.  
Serenity in storm.—*St. George*.  
A man's house is his castle.—*Cato*.  
Corporations have no souls.—*Cato*.  
In peace prepare for war.—*Washington*.  
I will die in the last ditch.—*William of*  
*Orange*.  
Impiety is the greatest of indignities.  
*Rivarol*.  
Nothing is certain but death and taxes.  
*Franklin*.  
You leave the setting to court the rising sun.  
*Tibullus*.  
He was a bold man who first swallowed an  
oyster.—*James I.*  
Free trade is not a principle; it is an expedient.  
*Disraeli*.  
Impossible! Never mention that simply word  
again.—*Mirabeau*.  
Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing  
well.—*Chaucer*.  
Gravity is only the bank of wisdom's tree, but  
it prevents the bark from floating away.—*Confucius*.  
Of all vices drinking is the most incompatible  
with greatness.—*Waller Scott*.  
I can drive a coach and six through every Act  
of Parliament.—*Daniel O'Connell*.  
Life would be quite tolerable if it were not for  
its adventures.—*Sir George Lewis*.  
The first water-cure was the flood, and it killed  
more than it cured.—*Charles Lamb*.  
Put your trust in God, but be sure to see that  
your powder is dry.—*Other*.  
It does not signify much, when one man  
as one is sure to find the next morning it was  
some one else.—*Samuel Johnson*.THE whale can move through the water with a  
velocity which if continued at the same rate,  
would enable him to encircle the whole earth in  
less than fourteen days. If the ocean were of  
whiskey "Brownie" would go through it in half  
that time.THE Tonkin rice harvest is now over in most  
districts. In the low-lying parts, which were  
flooded during summer, the crop was very late,  
and mostly went to straw; and as the heavy  
rains were followed by persistent drought, the  
grain is poor. Thus it is estimated that cal-  
culation of the full yield is lost in three of the pro-  
vinces, while the rest may be considered very  
good on the whole.WE are obliged to the gentleman who favoured  
us with an account of a smoking concert held the  
other night, but the *Hongkong Telegraph*  
prefers to write its own criticisms of all enter-  
tainments to which it is desired to give publicity.  
And as regards this particular "jamboree,"  
the courtesy of inviting our representative  
having been omitted, we were unable to notice  
what no doubt was a very talented and enjoy-  
able show.IN the course of fishing operations engaged in  
by the men of H.M.S. *Swallow* sent to Singapore  
the other day, a shark 14 feet long was captured.  
It was hauled on board after being played about  
for an hour and a half, and on being cut open  
was found to contain a number of large bones.  
Another shark, even bigger, was hooked on the  
preceding evening, but the hook not being suffi-  
ciently stout to bear the monster's weight,  
straightened out and his shark-like drooped  
into the sea again. The *Free Press*, our au-  
thority for the foregoing, is reminded thereby  
that a number of years ago a shark was caught  
by the crew of H.M.S. *Porpoise*, and in the stomach  
was found a small gharry-wheel!THUS the *Sydney Bulletin*—Why shouldn't  
thieving attorneys be flogged? People, so long  
as they are dressed in poor clothes, get flogged  
for using bad language in public. What sort of  
an offence is bad language, used, perhaps, under  
the influence of drink or heat, compared with the  
cold blooded rascality of the chartered ruffians who  
are dealt with as they are dealt with so lightly  
by the law—the legal trades-unionists, the  
clerks who wear horse-hair on their heads? But  
flogging is reserved for brutal offences. Where  
there is a more brutal offence than that of the  
man who, invited because of his position,  
embarks an old widow's money and leaves her  
to have her very bed sold from under her?How history is made by the *Pati Mall Gazette*:  
—"The announcement that Lady Pope-Hennessy  
is about to marry again, revives memories of  
that terrible Kilkenny election in which  
her late husband triumphed over Mr. Parnell,  
but at the cost of his own and his opponent's  
life. The times move so fast that we  
seem already to have drifted far from that  
bitter fight, although it happened not quite three  
years ago. Lady Pope-Hennessy, who became  
a widow nine months later, has lived since then  
very quietly at Rosellen Castle, that looks over  
the Cove of Cork, and is in the near neighbour-  
hood of Aghada Castle, owned by General  
William de Wilton Thackwell, C.B., whose  
eldest son, Mr. Edward Roche Thackwell, is the  
happy man."AMONG the witnesses examined before the  
Opium Commission at Calcutta on the 6th inst.  
was Mr. H. S. Howard of the firm of David  
Sawson, Sons and Co. In the course of the  
sitting Lord Brassey, addressing that gentleman,  
said that the Commission having decided to take  
evidence of local persons connected with China  
and the opium trade between India and that  
country would be glad if he would make a state-  
ment on behalf of the important firm of which he  
was a member. He, the speaker, would be right  
in saying that the members of the Commission  
felt that an enquiry relating to China could  
scarcely be dealt with satisfactorily in Calcutta.  
It was in their opinion necessary that they  
should test any information they obtained here  
about China by communication with the consular  
or other authorities in that country, or by a  
personal visit to Singapore, Hongkong or some  
of the treaty ports in China. The members of  
the Commission were more than ever convinced  
that they could not come to a satisfactory con-  
clusion on the subject unless they visited the  
Straits and certain of the Chinese ports and had  
personal intercourse with the official sentiment,  
both European and native, in those parts.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)

December 29th.

## THE SAME OLD BOX.

G. Taftor was sued by his wife, H. Taftor,  
for the recovery of a box which she wished to  
take from his home, as she couple had separated.  
The cause of the dispute was produced in Court.  
His lordship said he recognised "that old  
camper-wood box;" it had already been dealt  
with by the Court—once the case had come  
before him and he had settled it, and another  
time it came before the Police Judge, who struck  
it out as *res judicata*.  
The defendant said the box was at plaintiff's  
disposal, if only she would take it.  
The plaintiff said she had taken it to defendant's  
house for it, and had been situated.  
His lordship—Well, there is the box in court  
now; your case was decided before, and if you  
were not satisfied with my decision you should  
have brought an appeal before the Full Court.  
Go and take the box away, and don't come  
bothering here again. No—don't say any more;  
that will do! The case is struck out. Do go  
and take your box away, and don't make a peep  
about it!

## COLONIAL COURT OF ADMIRALTY.

(Before Mr. E. J. Acland, Judge of Admiralty.)

THE STRANDING OF THE "HAIPHONG."  
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